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1. The Tauentzien Kaserne - Stendal (LA 53/Y 85) was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing black-bordered, red epaulets and red-bordered, black epaulets. These troops were undergoing routine training activity.

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2. At the Hindenburg Kaserne about 1,200 troops were seen wearing red-bordered, black epaulets and black-bordered, red epaulets.

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3. At Albrecht der Laer Kaserne, including the "Russian quarter", about 3,000 troops belonging to various Soviet units were observed entering and leaving the barracks in groups of 30 to 35 men. The units were identified as follows: A high unit headquarters, presumably a corps headquarters, the traffic at which remained constant; several corps headquarters units with red-bordered, black epaulets; a unit with red-bordered, black

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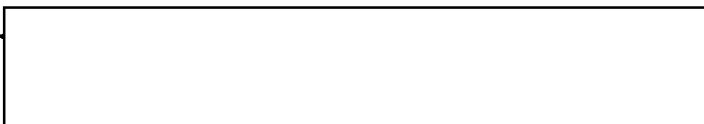
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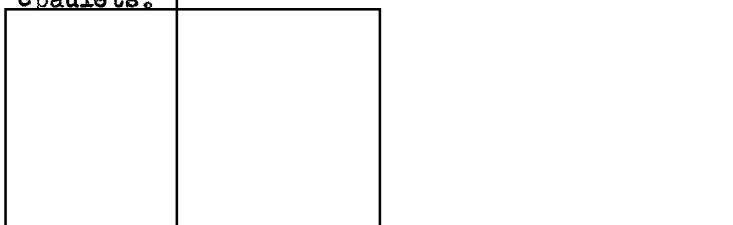
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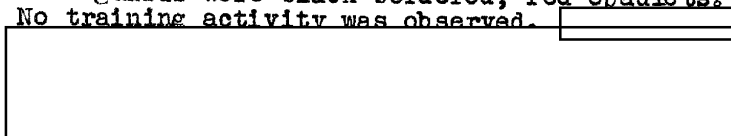


epaulets; and a unit with black-bordered, red epaulets.



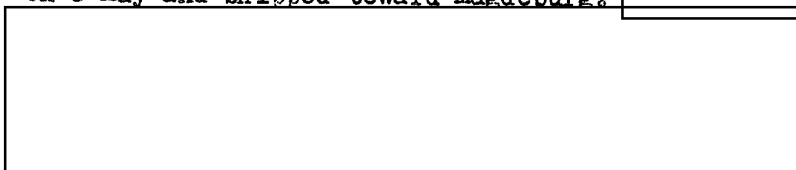
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4. The Tauntzien Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Gate guards wore black-bordered, red epaulets. No training activity was observed.



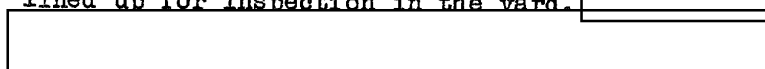
5. The Hindenburg Kaserne was still occupied by troops. Gate guards wore red-bordered, black epaulets. No drill was observed. About 100 troops were seen blasting a wire entanglement and charging through it. The exercises were witnessed by about fifty officers.

6. At the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne, a sentry with red-bordered, black epaulets and tank insignia was observed at one gate, and a sentry with artillery insignia at the other gate. A railroad employee said that twelve tanks, ten SP guns, and ten trucks from the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne had been entrained on 8 May and shipped toward Magdeburg.



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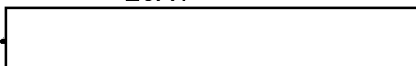
7. The quarters on Haferbreiterweg were occupied by a motor transport unit. Fifteen trucks were lined up for inspection in the yard.



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\*  Comment. The report indicates that most of the troops in Stendal namely the Hq LXXIX mtz Rifle Corps and units of the 207th mtz Rifle Div, were still at the post in early May 1950. The troops which left on 8 May 1950 were tank components of the 207th mtz Rifle Div which probably went to the Letzling Heath troops training grounds, where some motor vehicles of the divisions, possibly advance parties, were observed in April 1950.

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